

MEMORANDUM

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TO Local Jurisdiction Authorities

FROM Rachel Soden
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SUBJECT Kansas Fireworks Regulations and Safety

Summer is well underway and the Independence Holiday celebrations involving fireworks is right around the corner. On behalf of the Kansas State Fire Marshal, we would like to wish each and every one of you and your family and friends a safe and enjoyable summer.

The Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office has implemented some major changes to our fireworks licensing. In partnership with the Kansas Fireworks Association, a bill was passed through the state legislature that created several new categories of licenses as well as set a fee for those licenses.

There are now 6 licenses that we are issuing regarding fireworks.

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| • Manufacturer license | \$400 |
| • Distributor license | \$300 |
| • Hobbyist Manufacturer license | \$50 |
| • Display Operator license | \$40 |
| • Proximate Pyrotechnic license | \$40 |
| • Storage permit (Display Fireworks) | \$25 |

Because of these statutory changes, we have also changed the state regulations in Article 6 of the Kansas Fire Prevention Code.

We understand this is a big change for the fireworks industry operating in Kansas. We appreciate your patience and are working towards making this a smooth transition. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, contact Rachel Soden at (785) 296-0154 or rachel.soden@ksfm.ks.gov.

The staff of the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office wishes each of you a safe Fourth of July and a memorable summer.